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George Dixon's Washington:

When Wives Add Up Mix-Ups May Follow

A HUSH-SHUSH agent of the Central Intelligence Agency, with the cloak-and-daggerish name of Carleton



Alsop, came out from under cover recently for the sixth time he got married.

CIA agents are enjoined not to talk too much, and Mr. Alsop has had rigorous training in this respect. A man who has been married that many times cultivates reticence.

The uxorious sleuth may also share the CIA's passion for secrecy. But, if so, it does not extend to his life's help-mates. They have refused to let him label them "top secret."

The ladies, in fact, have been as unclassified as a doctored photograph. One of his former wives is Sylvia Sidney, of the cinema, and another, Martha Scott, of the same medium. For his latest adventure in matrimony, Mr. Alsop chose Mrs. Augusta Church, a tobacco heiress.

The wedding attracted many owners of well known names, including Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr., a five-time matrimony loser himself.

A SHORT TIME before the ceremony, many of the principals gathered in Washington for a succession of discussion hours—late discussion hours.

Mr. Robert Ridgway Rodenberg, who used to own the Baltimore Football Colts until the materialistic footballers decided they'd rather play for money, engaged Mr. Vanderbilt in shouted colloquy. It concerned—appropriately to the occasion—ex-wives.

Mr. Rodenberg, recently divorced from the former Mrs. Jean Henry of Australia, opened up on the Vanderbilt scion, divorced some time back by Pat Wallace, who tried to tie up everything except Mr. Vanderbilt.

Bellowing culturedly across crowded drawing room, Mr. Rodenberg cried:

"Hey, Neal, why don't you marry my second wife?"

"I will," howled back Mr. Vanderbilt; "if you'll marry my fifth wife!"

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